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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for producing an antibody that recognizes a target antigen, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

- i) immunizing a non-human animal that has immunotolerance to a background antigen comprised in an immunogen, wherein the immunogen comprises both the target antigen and the background antigen; and
 - ii) obtaining an antibody against the target antigen, or a gene encoding the antibody.
 - 2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein immunotolerance is induced artificially.
- 3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-human animal is a transgenic non-human animal.
- 4. (Currently amended) A method for producing an antibody against a target antigen, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- (a) preparing an immunogen comprising the target antigen and a background antigen, wherein the immunogen is a budding virus particle or part thereof;
- (b) producing a transgenic mouse comprising a gene encoding the background antigen in an expressible manner wherein the mouse expresses the background antigen and has immunotolerance to an expression product of the gene;
- (c) administering the immunogen of (a) to the transgenic mouse non-human animal of (b); and
- (d) isolating the antibody against the target antigen from the transgenic mouse nonhuman animal.

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- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5 ± 4 , wherein the virus is a baculovirus.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the target antigen is a membrane protein.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the background antigen is gp64.
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Withdrawn) An antibody that is produced by the method of claim 1.
- 11. (Withdrawn) A chimeric antibody between a non-human animal and human, or a humanized antibody, produced using the antibody of claim 10.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A transgenic non-human animal, into which a gene encoding a viral envelope protein is introduced.
- 13. (WIthdrawn) The transgenic non-human animal of claim 12, wherein the virus is a baculovirus.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The non-human animal of claim 13, wherein the viral envelope protein is gp64.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The non-human animal of claim 12, wherein the non-human animal is a mouse.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The non-human animal of claim 12, for use in producing an antibody against an antigen comprising a viral protein.

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17. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a non-human immunized animal, wherein the method comprises the step of producing a transgenic non-human animal into which a gene encoding a background antigen is introduced.

- 18. (Withdrawn) A non-human immunized animal for obtaining an antibody against a target antigen comprising a background antigen, wherein the animal is produced by the method of claim 17.
- 19. (Currently amended) A method for producing an antibody against PepT1, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- (a) preparing a baculovirus that comprises a DNA which encodes PepT1 or a fragment thereof in an expressible manner and expresses PepT1 or a fragment thereof;
- (b) infecting a host cell with the baculovirus of (a) to obtain a budding virus that expresses PepT1 or a fragment thereof;
- (c) producing a transgenic mouse that comprises a gene encoding a baculovirus membrane protein gp64 in an expressible manner wherein the mouse expresses the baculovirus membrane protein gp64 and has immunotolerance to gp64;
- (d) immunizing the transgenic mouse of (c) with a fraction comprising the budding virus of (b) or PepT1 or its fragment; and
- (e) recovering the antibody-recognizing an antibody recognizing PepT1 from the immunized mouse.
 - 20. (Withdrawn) An antibody that is produced by the method of claim 4.
- 21. (New) A method for producing an antibody against an antigen, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- (a) preparing a baculovirus that comprises a DNA which encodes an antigen or an epitope thereof;
- (b) infecting a host cell with the baculovirus of (a) to obtain a budding virus that expresses the antigen or epitope thereof;

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(c) producing a transgenic mouse that comprises a gene encoding a baculovirus membrane protein gp64;

- (d) immunizing the transgenic mouse of (c) with a fraction comprising the budding virus of (b); and
- (e) recovering an antibody specific for the antigen of epitope thereof from the immunized transgenic mouse.